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Senate Bill No. 432

Senate, April 16, 2014

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF A MUNICIPALITY UPON THE RELEASE OF A REGISTERED
SEXUAL OFFENDER INTO SUCH MUNICIPALITY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 54-258 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (2) (A) Any state agency, the Judicial Department, any state police
5 troop or any local police department may, at its discretion, notify any
6 government agency, private organization or individual of registration
7 information when such agency, said department, such troop or such
8 local police department, as the case may be, believes such notification
9 is necessary to protect the public or any individual in any jurisdiction
10 from any person who is subject to registration under section 54-251,
11 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254.

12 (B) (1) Whenever a registrant is released into the community, the

13 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, by
14 electronic mail, notify the superintendent of schools for the school
15 district in which the registrant resides, or plans to reside, of such
16 release and provide such superintendent with the same registry
17 information for such registrant that the department makes available to
18 the public through the Internet under subdivision (1) of this
19 subsection.

20 (2) Whenever a registrant is released into the community, the
21 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, by
22 electronic mail, notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in
23 which the registrant resides, or plans to reside, of such release and
24 provide such chief executive officer with the same registry information
25 for such registrant that the department makes available to the public
26 through the Internet under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2014	54-258(a)(2)
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JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to notify the chief elected official of a municipality when a registered sex offender is released and resides, or intends to reside, in such municipality. There is no fiscal impact arising from this requirement.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 432*****AN ACT PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A MUNICIPALITY UPON THE RELEASE OF A REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDER INTO SUCH MUNICIPALITY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires notice to a municipal chief executive officer (CEO) when someone required to register as a sex offender is being released into the community and the registrant resides or plans to reside in the CEO's municipality. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) must email this notice and provide the CEO with the same registry information that DESPP will post publicly on the Internet about the registrant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

BACKGROUND***Sex Offender Notices***

When it receives registry information, DESPP must enter it in the sex offender registry and notify the local police department or state police troop with jurisdiction where the registrant resides or plans to reside. If the registrant informed DESPP of his or her employment at or status as a student at a trade, professional, or higher education institution, DESPP must notify the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the institution.

When a registrant is released into the community, DESPP must email the superintendent of the school district where the registrant resides or plans to reside and provide the same information DESPP will post publicly on the Internet about the registrant.

A state agency, the Judicial Branch, a State Police troop, or a local

police department can notify any government agency, private organization, or individual of registration information when notice is believed necessary to protect the public or an individual from a registrant (CGS §§ 54-257 and -258).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 40 Nay 0 (04/02/2014)